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SUBJ: TALK WITH SOVIET MFA OFFICIAL ON NPT REVIEW

CONFERENCE AND NON-PROLIFERATION AT UNGA

1. DURING CONCLUDING MEETING OF FIRST COMMITTEE

DEC. 13, MISOFF WAS APPROACHED BY GENNADY STEPANOVICH STASHEVSKY, A DEPUTY HEAD OF DEPT IN SOVIET MFA, WHO SERVED AS ADVISER, THEN ALTERNATE REP, ON SOVIET DELEGATION DURING MOST OF DISARMAMENT WORK THIS FALL. STASHEVSKY SEEMED IN A MOOD TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON NON-PROLIFERATION PROGRESS AT THE SESSION AND PARTICULARLY WISHED TO DISCUSS LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE NEXT MAY.

2. STASHEVSKY SAID SOVS ARE UNDECIDED WHAT SHOULD BE LEVEL OF THEIR HEAD OF DELEGATION TO NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE, BUT ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF A DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, OR POSSIBLY
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THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AT LEAST FOR OPENING MEETING OR MEETINGS,

ASSUMING DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER IS DECIDED AS APPROPRIATE LEVEL, A PROBLEM IS BREAKING ONE OF THESE EIGHT MEN LOOSE FROM MANY COMPETING DEMANDS FOR THEIR SERVICES. STASHEVSKY SAID INFORMATION ABOUT US PLANS WOULD HELP SOVS MAKE THEIRS, AND HE PERSONALLY FELT OUR REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE AT SAME LEVEL.

3. REVIEWING GA DISARMAMENT WORK, STASHEVSKY SAID SOVS WERE GENERALLY PLEASED WITH OUTCOME AFTER A SLOW START WHEN IT WAS HARD TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE ISSUES. THEY VIEWED NON-PROLIFERATION AS THE YEAR'S CENTRAL ISSUE AND WHILE THEY REGARDED THE INTERVENTIONS AND LOBBYING OF INDIA AND A FEW OTHER ANTI-NPT COUNTRIES AS "AGGRESSIVE" THEY THOUGHT THE NPT GOT A SURPRISING AMOUNT OF SUPPORT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. STASHEVSKY APPEARED TO BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE PROSPECTS FOR NUCLEAR FREE ZONES. HE THOUGHT THE AFRICAN ZONE COULD BE REALIZED MORE EASILY THAN THE OTHERS BROACHED AT THE GA ("SINCE NEITHER WE NOR YOU EVIDENTLY HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, IT SHOULD CAUSE US NO PROBLEMS", HE SAID). HE SAID A MIDDLE EAST ZONE MUST AWAIT A MORE GENERAL POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, AND HE WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR ANY EARLY DENUCLEARIZATION AGREEMENT IN SOUTH ASIA, CONTENDING THAT INDIA DEEPLY DISTRUSTS CHINA AND THIS IS MAINSPRING OF INDIAN BEHAVIOR ON NUCLEAR ISSUES. WITH REGARD TO CCD STUDY OF NFZ'S RESULTING FROM FINNISH RES, STASHEVSKY THOUGHT EXPERT GROUP IN FIRST STAGE WOULD CONFINE ITSELF TO COMPILATION OF VIEWS ALREADY EXPRESSED ON SUBJECT.

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